

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-15, 17, 19-22, 24-29, 31-36, 39, 116, and 121 are pending in this case.

Claims 1, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 24, 27, 31, and 121 have been currently amended.

Claims 8, 16, 18, 23, 30, 37, 38, 40-115, and 117-120 have been cancelled.

Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 31 to recite that an ozone-solvent solution is passed through a heater to form a heated ozone-solvent solution. That heated ozone-solvent solution is then reacted with the material at an elevated temperature. This procedure is clearly contraindicated by the principal reference, Nelson, et al. Furthermore, none of the cited references, either singly or in combination, shows or suggests heating an ozone-solvent solution with a heater, and in fact they teach away from such processes.

For these reasons, Applicants request reconsideration of the pending claims in view of these amendments, and believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance for the present application at an early date is respectfully requested.

If any additional time extensions are required, such time extensions are hereby requested, and if any fees are required, please take those fees from deposit account 10-1218.

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